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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and the allowance of the rejected claims 29-51 are respectfully requested. Applicant has attempted to address every ground for rejection in the Office Action dated August 4, 2009 (Paper No. 20090728) and believes the application is now in condition for allowance. The claims have been amended to more clearly describe the present invention.

In the Action, the claims are restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to two groups of claims: Group I (claims 29-49) and Group II (claims 50-51). Applicant elects Group I without traverse and has cancelled claims 50 and 51 in Group II. Also, Applicant has added new claim 52 directed to a method for automated evolutionary assistance to an air traffic computer. New claim 52 includes the same subject matter as amended claim 29 and is therefore readable upon amended claim 29.

The Examiner further states that Applicant is further required to elect one of the following species upon electing Group I:

A. means for displaying on the controller display screen, the time left before the actual conflict and/or the separation at the crossing of the trajectories.

B. means for displaying on the controller display screen, moments of occurrence of potential conflicts still to be solved on a time graduated axis.

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Applicant has deleted the subject matter relating to the display screen from amended claim 29 and cancelled claims 40, 41 and 42. Applicant therefore submits that the election of species requirement is now moot.

In view of the above remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in allowable form. Should the Examiner discover there are remaining issues which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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